

1 5 1957

My dear Yudkin:

It certainly was great fun to meet our 'British cousins' for the first time, not least of all yourself. We're particularly sorry that we were tied up and could not accept your dinner invitation, which might have solidified a personal contact I was eager to do.

For some time I've been trying to transform *E. coli* strains for resistance to streptomycin by means of DNA extracts, but so far have had only negative or misleading results. For that reason I was particularly interested in your findings a propos proflavine resistance, and I would be (as I told you) particularly interested to repeat them here in hopes they may give us a better clue to the general problem. May I take you up on your offer to furnish the detailed protocol and the strains you used? In fact, if you could spare a copy of your very interesting manuscript, I would be very happy to be able to study it at leisure, as it is sure to be quite a while before the book is in print.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Medical Genetics